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“Never go on trips with anyone you do not love.”

– Ernest Hemingway *A Moveable Feast*

I cannot help but think of this quote from Hemingway every time I embark on a journey, and I believe it is a biblical motif that we all should embrace. Our family

is getting ready to go to visit our daughter and son-in-law, and so we’re looking forward to being on a trip with each other, and to visit together someone we all love.

Beyond a shadow of a doubt this is tactic and theory used as Christ walked among humanity so many years ago. It is with love that God stepped into foreign territory, yet his own creation, and tabernacled with us. And he took this trip sincerely out of the love he had for us.

It is with this knowledge and inspiration that we chose to journey with each other. Sometimes the trip is to a foreign country, a vacation, mission related, or even simply a trip across the street, but it always should be focused and centered upon love. The love we give to the world around is indicative of the way we respond to the love that is given to us as the Bride of Christ. As much as we’re focusing now on the “Hard Sayings of Jesus” for our sermon series, we should always focus on how he called us to above all things be people who love.

As a church family, we are on the cusp of a journey together as well. My time at St. Mary’s is ending, and as the wise sage once said, “every new beginning comes from some other beginning’s end.” While we have been in relationship for the past seven months, our journey together is truly just beginning, and I hope that you are, like me, excited to see where the Lord takes us and leads us to go.

With that in mind, let us begin to alter our actions, our speeches, our attitudes, and our lives. Let us embrace and mimic the example of Christ and let us journey together with love. However, let us not only selectively journey with those whom we like and with whom we share most every similarity. Let us also learn to appreciate and love people who are unbelievably different from us as well.

Rev. Mark Boyd

Christian Education News



What a Great Time We had – Vacation Bible School was a resounding success!! We were blessed with an amazing group of children, leaders, teachers, cooks, crew leaders, musicians, everyone involved – we

had an awesome time.

THANK YOU – THANK YOU to Kathryn Maddy and Holly Greathouse for coordinating VBS 2021.

We had between 25-27 kids each night with at least 30 volunteers. It was a blessing to see so many congregants participating in this ministry. We will follow up with our guests and share upcoming activities with them. We look forward to more exciting programs and hope to have another outdoor worship service in the near future.

Save the Date:

Wednesday Night Programs to begin September 8.

Dinner menus are being prepared and Bible study curriculum is on the way.

Watch your bulletins and newsletters for Sunday School information.

Mark your calendars!!

Upcoming Events:

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| August 15 | Back to School Swim Party
Details to be announced. |
| August 29 | Rally Day/Brunch following
Worship |
| Sept. 8 | Wednesday Night Programs
begin |
| Sept. 25 | Fall Festival at Bryan and Sarah
Roberts' farm |

About Our People

Prayer Concerns – Congregation Members:

George Hartman Jr.
Elly & Robert Denzie
Mark Curtis
Pebble Pfost
Millie White
Ned & Glenna Arthur
Kathleen Jordan (Johns Hopkins, surgery)
Jack Rogers (recovering from knee surgery)
Mike Clark
Carol Buck (home)
Peggy Young

Prayer Concerns - In Care Facilities:

Cornelia May, 255 N. Egret Bay Blvd., apt. 4104,
League City, TX 77573
Muriel Frincke, Apt. 318, 3201 Center Pointe
Drive, Orlando, FL 32825
Ann McCormick, Apt. 213, Bellaire at Devonshire,
5 Bexley Drive, Scott Depot, WV 25560

Prayer Concerns - Family and Friends

Lon Hardin (Kathryn Maddy's father)
Jason Irwin (Carol Buck's nephew)
Virginia Woods Johnson (Elaine Dixon)
Janet Walker, back pain (Donna Merguc's sister)
Jon Dunlap, back pain (Kris Dunlap)
Hollise Griffith (Michael Duvall's uncle) heart
condition
James Logsdon (Mary Ellen's nephew)
Stephen (Jackie Jones cousin)
Linda Samms, cancer (Jennifer Burgess)
Rudy Capese, liver cancer (Lindsey Duvall)
Ashley Nestman, Lymphoma (Connie Ivey)
Amber Shinn, cancer (Mary Ellen Logsdon)
Lynn Akers, breast cancer (Mary Ellen Logsdon)
John Kennedy, healing at home (Kathy Maddy)
Meghan Ott (Connie Ivey's cousin) breast cancer
surgery
Celia Maddy (Kathryn Maddy's niece)
Lindsay Denison (Patsy Denison)
Margaret Walker, (Donna Merguc)
Donna Kopisky, cancer (Donna Merguc)

July/August Wedding Anniversaries

Betty and Kirk King	July 6, 1985
Bill and Felicia Hoyle	July 6, 1985
Kim and Dave Gaines	July 27, 1985
Lorn and Dreama Walker	July 21, 1972
John and Julie Wiles	July 24, 1994
Tom and Marianne Peyton	July 25, 1998
Ina and Wayne Armstrong	July 29, 2000
Trinity and Dustin Resler	July 19, 2008
Beth and Gary Hager	July 24, 2010
Valerie and Jeff Wade	July 18, 2015

Brucie and Bill Kessler	August 13, 1977
Carol and Terry Buck	August 23, 1986
Cathy and Steve Holstein	August 10, 1996
Sarah and Bryan Roberts	August 14, 2004
Holly and Adam Greathouse	August 30, 2006

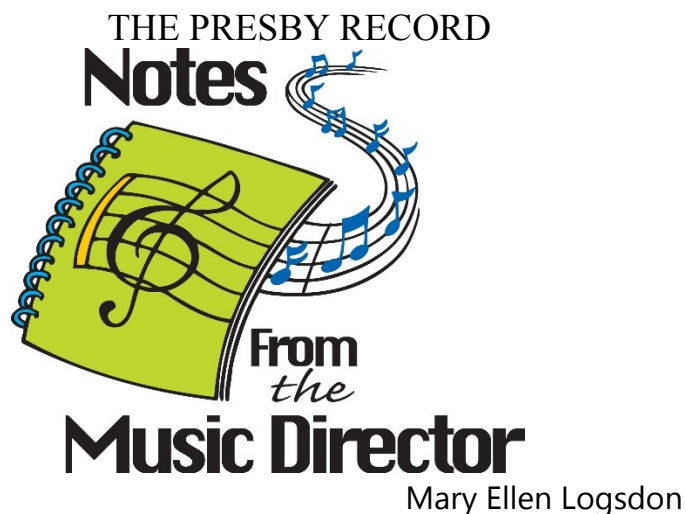
July/August Birthdays

July

- 5 – Gary Hartman, Jack Rogers
- 7 – Debra Parsons, Chris Manley,
Adam Greathouse
- 9 – Keira Cook
- 10 – Olivia Greathouse
- 11 – Tim Malcomb
- 18 -- Mary Childress
- 22 – Logan Adkins (Merguc)
- 23 -- Jamie Boyd
- 24 – Mike Merguc
- 26 – Florence Schumacher
- 27 – Debi Speidel

August

- 2 – Brendon Cook
- 3 – Abbie Burch
- 5 – Dolly Locke, John Harvey
- 6 – James Resler
- 7 – Kathy Harrah
- 9 – Sara Hedrick
- 13 – Susan Allowatt, Patricia Lewis,
Lillian Roberts
- 17 -- Lindsey Duvall
- 20 – Kevin Duvall, Etta Clark
- 21 – Regina Dayfield, Joel Dettweiler
- 24 – Jon Cox
- 31 -- Patrick Curtis



After a year and a half, plans are being made for the various choirs to resume. (AMEN!)

If you have ever thought about singing in the choir, now would be the perfect time to join!

Scripture tells us to Make A Joyful Noise! That is what we strive to do! To be a part of the choir at FPCSA, all you need to do is show up for rehearsal. We do not audition our choir members. We gather together to serve the Lord with music. The biggest requirement is a desire to serve the Lord by singing His praises and sharing His Word through music. Another requirement is the willingness to laugh – we do a lot of that! If you should have any questions about the choir, please feel free to talk to Mary Ellen after any worship service or e-mail her at:

MARYLOGSDON@HOTMAIL.COM

The Adult Choir isn't the only music group at FPCSA. We also have a handbell choir. The rehearsal day and time is set by the members' schedules. If you can count to four – then this group is for you. The ability to read music is not a requirement – just a willingness to try.

As we start resuming the various ministries of the church, plans will be made to resume the children's choir.

Please check the bulletin and future newsletters for more information on rehearsal dates for all music ministries.

ALSO, if you play a musical instrument and would like to share your gift with the congregation, please contact Mary Ellen. Please know that ALL ARE WELCOME to be a part of these various music programs!!!

Thank you notes...

On behalf of St. Paul Community Economic Development Corporation (SPCEDC), we would like to thank you for your recent contribution of \$10,000.00 through The Presbytery of West Virginia. Gifts such as yours help us aid our vision for our community, and it is gratefully appreciated.

We truly appreciate our loyalty and friendship to SPCEDC.

Thanks so much for your generous donation to the Gabriel Project. It will certainly help us provide more formula, cribs, car seats, etc. to our clients.

Our thanks for making Gabriel Project your Vacation Bible School mission project this year! Lyn Traube and Carolyn Smithers, co-directors

EVANGELISM AND CONGREGATIONAL CARE COMMITTEES

Abbie Burch, Jennifer Burgess, Connie Ivey, Cel Jones, Donna Merguc, Andi Pease, Linda Slappe, Laurie Turley
Next Meeting is Tuesday, August 3, at 11:15 am in the Parlor...come and join us!

EVANGELISM

We continue to reach out to our community via Live Stream--You Tube, Facebook, and on Podcast with our 10:00am worship service and we are blessed with many viewers (members and non-members). We are also having our In-person service at 10:00am. Come and join us.

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Blessing Bags Outreach: The blessing bags project at First Presbyterian continues to provide hope and caring for those less fortunate in our community. We ask for your donations of hygiene products (such as shampoo, lotion, soap, deodorant, tooth paste/toothbrushes), snacks, bottled water, and gallon-size zip lock bags. These bags are delivered to Christ's Kitchen. If you wish to contribute, a basket is in the Narthex for your items. If you prefer, you may make out a check to First Presbyterian Church and put "Blessing Bags" in the memo. You may also give using the "Donation" button on our web page and Facebook page using the "Other" category and type "bags in the memo. Every donation helps...thank you! Questions, call Abbie Burch or Donna Merguc.



Prayer Request Box: Please pass the word about our Prayer Request Box for the community. Take a few minutes to check it out. It's located on the front lawn of our church. The box has cards and pencils that anyone can use, at any time of the day, to submit requests for prayer. An article about the Prayer Box will be in the August, September, October My Saint Albans! Chamber of Commerce newsletter; pray it will generate more interest.

LITTLES Program: We are excited to restart this program! A planning meeting is scheduled for Sunday, July 25, at 7:00 pm (this is a date change and time). We need volunteers to make this program a big success. Please consider and see you at the meeting. Questions, e-mail Donna Merguc at dkmerguc@frontier.com or call at 304-545-1159. Please pray for this ministry, the workers, and the children and their families.



Big Marv's Food Truck is coming to First Presbyterian Church of St. Albans parking lot on Thursday, July 15, at 4:30 - 6:30 pm. The menu is Fried Whiting (fish) Sandwich, Mac & Cheese, Collard Greens for \$12.00, three Tacos with chips for \$10.00 (with 2 sides - \$12.00) and BBQs for \$8.00 (with 2 sides - \$12.00), Drinks - \$1.00 and Banana Pudding for dessert. It will be advertised in our church Bulletin, Presby Record, Facebook, Metro/Pulse, Mark Curtis, and flyers will be distributed around the community. All are WELCOME!

CONGREGATION CARE

Committee members (and we know others in our church family do too) continue to enjoy calling and visiting the 'Most Vulnerable': Ned and Glenna Arthur, Sadie Ashworth, Lew Baxter, Dewitt and Wanda Bowman, Carol Buck, Etta and Michael Clark, Patsy Hanson, Dolly Locke, Charlotte Lucas, Ann McCormick, Pebble Pfof, Boots Pinnell, Carolyn Reed, Millie White, Peggy Young.

We wish all of our **July Birthday** folks a "Very, Very Happy Birthday." We pray that this special day of yours will be extra special for you today and always. Gary Hartman, Jack Rogers, Debra Parsons, Chris Manley, Adam Greathouse, Kiera Cook, Olivia Greathouse, Tim Malcomb, Mary Childress, Logan Adkins (Merguc), Jamie Boyd, Mike Merguc, Florence Schumacher, Debi Speidel. Also, **August Birthday** folks: Brendon Cook, Abbie Burch, Dolly Locke, John Harvey, James Resler, Kathy Harrah, Sara Hedrick, Susan Allowatt, Pat Lewis, Lillian Roberts, Lindsey Duvall, Kevin Duvall, Etta Clark, Regina Dayfield, Joel Dettweiler, Jon Cox, Patrick Curtis.

Thank you Aaron Peterson... The children in the Nursery/Wee Church will enjoy playing with all your gifts you donated. Thank you so much for remembering them!

With Love, Donna and Tara

Worship Liturgists

July 18th Valerie Wade
 July 25th Holly Greathouse
 August 1st Kathleen Jordan
 August 8th Mark Curtis
 August 15th Lindsey Duvall
 August 22nd Donna Merguc
 August 29th Adam Greathouse
 September 5th Buck Ivey

If you need to switch a Sunday with someone, please find your replacement and then alert the office of the switch. If you cannot find a replacement from the folks on this list, let me know and we'll punt (or I will do it in a pinch).

IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY

What would it be like to move to a foreign country?

Read "The Book of Unknown Americans" and find out! Fiction -- easy to read -- former Oprah Book Club -- and Central America. In the church library -- top shelf to your right as you enter. (813.6 HEN)

More interesting reads to be found...

--Ina Armstrong

Congregational Life

Laurie Turley/Kathleen Jordan

Congregational life was abundant during VBS! What a great time we all had in the

Wow!

kitchen! Thanks so much to **Kathleen Jordan, Jennifer Burgess, Sara Kell, Kim Gaines, Ron and Aaron Peterson, Kristi Sutphin, Patsy Denison, Buck Ivey, Sarah Roberts and Pat Dillon** for their delicious fruit salads, and we can't forget the help of the children, **Olivia, Eva, Levi, Zander, Rylan**, and another young lady whose name I didn't get. Forgive me if I have left anyone out. What a great team! "Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor" Ecclesiastes 4:9

Happenings



Coffee hour is back after church service! There is a sign-up sheet if any of you would like to volunteer to bring light refreshments.

Us Presbyterians do love to eat! Let's also be mindful of those who are gluten-free in our congregation. Fruit is always an option, gluten-free pretzels, etc.



**Sunday, August 29,
5th Sunday**

Brunch/Rally Day

Hope you can stay after the service for French Toast Sticks, Sausage Patties, and Fruit! This was a hit

on the Saturday morning of VBS. We are letting the men off the hook this year from cooking pancakes.

**Wednesday Night Suppers are starting back
September 8!**

We'll be contacting the different cooking teams soon! If you served on a team and are anxious to get back in the swing of things either by cooking, serving, or cleaning, please contact Laurie by text or call 304 610-4076 or she will be contacting you.

KITCHEN

For those of us that work in the kitchen, we are looking forward to brightening it up a little. Sharon Peterson has agreed to make new curtains! So excited!

We want to thank Mike Merguc for fixing the drain under the one sink that we had been unable to use. We appreciate all that the Building and Grounds Committee does for the kitchen!

So glad to be meeting with our church members again! Yeah 2021! Thank you God! Let Laurie Turley know if you would like to be a part of this or the Congregational Life Committee. We love ideas! See activities below:



Thursday, July 29 at 7:05 pm...

Looking for at least 20 people to join us on the Backyard Patio on left-field/3rd base area at the Power Park for a ball game, food, and friendship! There is plush furniture seating and

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rocking chairs with a covered view (red umbrellas). It will just be our church group/friends/family. Let's all get back in the game by not only coming to church but enjoying an outing. Our new minister Mark Boyd will be there too! If you haven't met him or had a chance to meet him, now is a good time! Cost is \$22/person which includes a menu of hot dogs, hamburgers, bratwursts, baked beans, chili, lettuce, tomato and cheese tray, popcorn, cookies, fountain soda and water. Hope you can join us! Call or text Laurie to RSVP or for questions call 304 610-4076. We are also accepting sponsors/donations for youth to be able to attend. Please contact the church office if you would like to contribute.



Sunday, September 19th – 11:00 am



Let's get a group together to go to Beech Fork State Park for the 2021 Legacy of Mary Ingles encampment and living history re-enactment. Has anyone read the book, Follow the River by James Alexander Thom? It's one of my favorites. You will see this come alive as to what Mary Ingles endured after her escape from the Indians. Pack a sandwich for the hour trip. After leaving (by 3 pm), there are several well-known local restaurants that we could have an early supper and head back. There will be a sign up/interested sheet posted on the Happenings Board in the hallway. Invite your friends to our Happenings and to our church! It's a friendly place!

CALLING ALL APRONS!



This may not be of interest to the younger folks, but it is part of a tradition/heritage that was once very meaningful. (There are a few aprons in the church kitchen drawer that could tell a few stories!) Our committee has talked about aprons before. It is something that a lot of us still utilize in the kitchen. I really want you to think of a time when maybe our mother or grandmother was wearing an apron. Please recall a special story to share about this. Call Laurie to tell her, or write it down. We'd like to put your stories in the Presby Record and /or put them on the Happenings board. Also, in the Presby Record in October, we will ask you to name as many uses for aprons that you can think of. There is a gift in store for the one who comes up with the most. We will read them at the October Fifth Sunday Brunch (October 31). We may even display them with our permission! So while you are cleaning out your drawers this summer, remember our "apron tribute"!



88 persons were vaccinated at First Presbyterian Church on June 4th.

A successful pop-up COVID Vaccine Clinic was held on the parking lot of First Presbyterian Church, St. Albans on Friday, June 4. The clinic was sponsored by the St. Albans Ministry Alliance, First Presbyterian Church, and the City of St. Albans. Vice Mayor Walter Hall was on hand to pass out \$20 gift certificates to various St. Albans merchants to each one receiving a vaccine. Special thanks to First Presby member Mark Curtis for setting the ground work and bringing the clinic to fruition. Thanks to all volunteers, and to the churches and agencies who publicized the event.

Notes from Session

Donna Merguc reported on May 20 virtual meeting of the Presbytery of West Virginia

Approved publicity for Literacy of Kanawha County for their tutoring program.

Approved request from John and Jackie Jones to use the church Fellowship Hall as a back-up location (in case of rain) on Saturday, September 11, for the wedding of their son Patrick.

Approved request from Debbie Duvall to allow PEO (Philanthropic Educational Organization) use of the Fellowship Hall once a month.

Approved request from Presbyterian Women to open the Birthday Offering up to the entire congregation.

Communion will be served to individuals in the sanctuary beginning July 4th.

Offering plates will be passed in the sanctuary during worship services.

Will begin delivering communion to shut ins as soon as possible.

Approved accepting donations for meals at Vacation Bible School

Approved Gabriel Project as our mission project for VBS.

First Presbyterian Church of St. Albans
Income and Expense Statement (UNAUDITED)

GENERAL FUND 01, July 2021

	Current Period	Year to Date	Year to Date Budget	Annual Budget
INCOME				
CONTRIBUTIONS	\$1,855.10	\$35,444.59	\$51,602.32	\$88,461.00
INVESTMENT INCOME	0.00	54,752.00	66,750.00	98,800.00
TOTAL INCOME	1,855.10	90,196.59	118,352.32	187,261.00
EXPENSES				
ADMINISTRATION	\$327.19	\$5,001.49	\$4,899.93	\$8,400.00
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	0.00	-607.87	1,061.69	1,820.00
CONGREGATIONAL LIFE	0.00	47.92	787.50	1,400.00
BUILDING	153.81	13,997.16	19,427.94	33,305.00
GROUND	0.00	450.00	1,633.38	2,800.00
CONGRE. CARE & EVANGELISM	0.00	0.00	233.31	400.00
HAPPENINGS	0.00	0.00	145.81	250.00
LOCAL MISSION	0.00	0.00	2,675.00	4,550.00
NURSERY	0.00	0.00	145.81	250.00
STAFF	400.12	60,599.33	76,532.08	136,194.73
WITNESS	0.00	0.00	6,832.00	11,712.00
WORSHIP	0.00	10,335.65	3,820.74	6,550.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	881.12	89,823.68	118,195.19	207,631.73
EXCESS INCOME\EXPENSES	\$973.98	\$372.91	\$157.13	-\$20,370.73



On our website or Facebook page

Balance Sheet (UNAUDITED)
 Funds 01-04, July 2021

	Current Year
ASSETS	
GENERAL FUND-CHECKING	-\$4,824.98
DESIGNATEO FUNDS-CHECKING	126,394.82
BUILDING FUND CHECKING	936.78
TOTAL ASSETS	\$122,506.62
LIABILITIES	\$7,843.32
TOTAL LIABILITIES	7,843.32
FUND BALANCE	<u>\$114,663.30</u>
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	114,663.30
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	<u>\$122,506.62</u>

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ALSO ON FACEBOOK LIVE**

Trustees:

Class of 2021: John Jones
Class of 2022: Gloria Williams
Class of 2023: Michael Duvall

Officers**Class of 2021**

Donna Merguc (2)
Vickie Godbey (1)
Holly Greathouse (1)

Class of 2022

Michael Clark (2)
Tim Malcomb (2)
Betty King (1)

Class of 2023

Mark Curtis (2)
Kathleen Jordan (1)

Church Staff

Ministers Every Member of the Congregation
Rev. Mark Boyd.....Pastor
Andi Pease Temp. Secretary
Mary Ellen Logsdon Music Director
Kathy MaddyDCE
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